



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN re U.S. Patent of: Mattice et al. ) CUSTOMER NO.: 27717  
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR )  
CONTROLLING ACCESS TO AREAS )  
OF GAMING MACHINES )  
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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated November 22, 2005, please amend the above identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.